

country's legal system. His desire to serve MTLA comes from his respect for its members who, each day, work for justice by holding governments, corporations, and other powers accountable to individuals. As MTLA president Sydney McKenna wrote last year, "[Al] articulate[s] in a compelling way why the courts are necessary, that causes and damages are part of justice, and that justice matters."

During the past 13 years serving as the executive director of the Montana Association, Al has worked hard to represent the bar in both State and Federal matters. I have had the privilege of working with Al on a number of Federal initiatives and have always appreciated Al's thoughts on how Federal legislation could impact the rights of individuals in the legal system.

Al also serves on the boards of directors for the National Association of Trial Lawyer Executives and A.W.A.R.E., a private, nonprofit organization providing quality, community-based services for persons with disabilities. Al served as the executive director and attorney for the Montana Advocacy Program, which works to protect and advocate for the human, legal, and civil rights of Montanans with disabilities. In 2009, Al was awarded the Montana Trial Lawyers Associations Public Service Award. Al received the Annual Award for Advocacy from the National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy in 1991. He received his bachelor's in political science from Montana State University and his juris doctor from the Hastings College of the Law at the University of California.

As a lifelong Montanan, Al has a deep appreciation for the State and all it has to offer. In his spare time, Al enjoys to hunt, fish, kayak, and climb Montana's beautiful mountains. Al is married to Marilyn, who was born and raised in Anaconda, and together they have two children—daughter Kait and son Ben.

I again congratulate Al for his recognition by the American Association for Justice.●

REMEMBERING PHILLIP ORTIZ

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Los Angeles County Highway Patrol Officer Phillip Ortiz. Officer Ortiz, a 28-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Highway Patrol, died on June 22, 2010, from being struck by a vehicle while in the line of duty. His loss should remind us all of the very serious dangers that our law enforcement personnel face every day as they do their jobs. I would like to take a few moments to recognize Officer Phillip Ortiz's life.

Officer Ortiz grew up in Santa Monica, CA, and joined the California Highway Patrol in August 1982 at the age of 21. Soon after, he successfully completed motorcycle training and in 1982 was eventually transferred to the

West Los Angeles area where he remained for the rest of his career. He loved riding motorcycles both professionally and in his personal time. Officer Ortiz had a distinguished career and was very dedicated to the California Highway Patrol.

I invite all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring Officer Phillip Ortiz for his leadership and dedication to the safety of over 10 million Los Angeles County residents. He is survived by his wife and childhood sweetheart, Jessica; his parents, Irene and Claude Clauser; and his sister, Anna, to whom I send my heartfelt condolence. Officer Ortiz leaves a lasting legacy of service.●

TRIBUTE TO OFELIA VALDEZ-YEAGER

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize the career accomplishments and service of Ofelia Valdez-Yeager as she retires from her position as chief administrative liaison to the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools.

Ofelia—a native of Tayoltita, Durango, Mexico—immigrated with her family to the United States in 1958. Although she began first grade as a non-English-speaker, she completed the school year at the top of her class—realizing her parents' high expectations for the academic achievement of their 10 children, even though they themselves had been educated only at the elementary level in Mexico.

Ofelia was admitted to the University of California, Riverside—UCR—in 1965 as one of the initial group of five Educational Opportunity Program—EOP—students. After graduating in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and completing the requirements for an elementary teaching credential in 1971, she embarked upon a professional career that has included work as an Upward Bound tutor and counselor, high school counseling assistant, elementary school teacher, bilingual resource teacher, and consultant for several public agencies.

In 1992 Ofelia was elected to serve as the first Latina trustee on the Riverside Unified School District Board; she was later elected vice president of this same body. She expanded her commitment to public service by accepting a part-time position as administrative assistant to the mayor—focusing her expertise and energies on youth, education, and crime issues. She also served as executive assistant to the superintendent of the Riverside Unified School District.

In addition to her current responsibilities as chief administrative liaison, Ofelia also serves on boards and committees of a number of local agencies and organizations, including the United Way, Concilio Child Development Centers, Fiesta de la Familia, Mission Inn Foundation, Raincross Group, Riverside County Library Foundation, Riverside Library and Museum

Taskforce, UCR Medical School Community Advisory, Riverside Community College Foundation, Hispanic Education Foundation, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Commission on Recruiting, Retention, and Diversity. As founder of the Latina Women's Health Forum, as one of three founders of the Latina Network, and as a strong influence behind the Nati Fuentes Centro de Ninos on the Eastside, she continues to exert influence on education and community priorities.

In recognition of her professional contributions and service, Ofelia has received the Hope Luminarias Award and the La Sierra University President's Community Service Citation. She has been named CHARO Minority Business Advocate of the Year and has been cited by the Riverside Press-Enterprise newspaper as one of the People Who Make a Difference.

It is my pleasure to recognize Ofelia Valdez-Yeager as she prepares to retire from the Office of the Superintendent, Riverside County Schools. I commend her for her fine service to the community.●

REMEMBERING WALTER SHORENSTEIN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the memory of an extraordinary real estate investor, philanthropist, Presidential adviser, civic leader and dear friend of mine, Walter Shorenstein. Walter passed away on June 24, 2010. He was 95 years old. Walter's legendary entrepreneurship and civic involvement will benefit future generations of Americans for decades to come.

Walter Herbert Shorenstein was born into a hard-working middle class family in Glen Cove, New York on February 23, 1915. He briefly attended the University of Pennsylvania before cutting his undergraduate studies short in order to serve his country in World War II. During the war, Walter was stationed in North Africa, where he managed logistics and resources for troops in Africa, Asia, and Europe. Walter met his future wife Phyllis while serving as a major at Travis Air Force Base in California. They were married in 1945, and Walter began his real estate career upon moving to San Francisco in 1946.

Walter joined the commercial real estate firm, Milton Meyer & Company, and became its only partner in 1951. He later purchased the company and in 1960, began rapidly expanding its holdings over the next three decades. At various times, the company, which was renamed Shorenstein Co. in 1989, has owned numerous notable buildings including the Bank of America Tower in San Francisco, the John Hancock Center in Chicago, and the Washington Harbour Complex in Washington, DC. The Shorenstein Co., under the leadership of Walter's son, Douglas, currently controls roughly 30 million square feet of commercial real estate nationwide.